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THE LAW OF CONSTRUCTIVE CONTEMPT. The Shepherd Case Reviewed. By John L. Thomas, Ex-Judge Missouri Supreme Court. The F. H. Thomas Law Book Co. St. Louis, Mo.: 1904. \$3.00 net.

The object of this work is to show that legislatures have the constitutional power to limit the jurisdiction and regulate the practice of the courts in contempt cases. This question has been disposed of to some extent adversely to the author's contention by our Supreme Court in *Carter's Case*, 96 Va. 816. The subject has already received renewed interest on account of the now celebrated North Carolina and Florida cases. The author gives much space to a review of the decision of the Supreme Court of Missouri in the Shepherd case. His discussion of questions pertaining to the freedom of the press and the right of trial by jury will prove of special interest. Those who have an occasion to investigate the law of contempt and to study its history and the reasons underlying it, will receive valuable aid by the perusal of Judge Thomas' work.